

1 **In the Claims**

2 Claims 24 and 25 are amended.

3 Claims 24-30 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

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5 24. (Currently Amended) In a computer system having resources and a
6 resource planner for granting reservations of amounts of resources to activities, a
7 computer-implemented method comprising: The method of claim 22, further
8 comprising the steps of

9 submitting a request for a reservation of a set of resources in specified
10 amounts from an activity to the resource planner;

11 determining at the resource planner that the request may not be granted;

12 returning from the resource planner to the activity a list of amounts of the
13 set of resources that are currently available to the activity;

14 using the returned list at the activity to reformulate the request for a
15 reservation of the set of resources to specify new requested amounts; and

16 resubmitting the reformulated request to the resource planner.

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18 25. (Currently Amended) In a computer system having resources and a
19 resource planner for granting reservations of amounts of resources to activities
20 performed on the computer system, a computer-implemented method comprising
21 the computer implemented steps of:

22 negotiating between the resource planner and activities to reserve shares of
23 the resources with the resource planner on behalf of the activities; and

1 in view of changing resource usage or requirements, renegotiating between
2 the resource planner and the activities to change reservations of resources on
3 behalf of the activities to reflect the changing resource usage or requirements.

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5 26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource
6 usage or requirements are the product of a new activity being performed.

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8 27. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource
9 usage or requirements are the product of an activity changing its resource
10 requirements.

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12 28. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource
13 usage or requirements are the product of an activity no longer being performed.

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15 29. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource
16 usage or requirements are the product of a persistent overload of use of a resource.

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18 30. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the changing resource
19 usage requirements are the product of a change in resource allocation policy.